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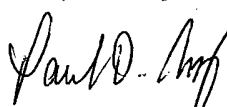
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Also enclosed are copies of U.S. Patent No. 6,091,950; European Patent Nos. EP 0 738 091; EP 0 851 700; EP 0 920 228 and EP 1 041 830; French Patent No. 2 813 156 and European Search Report Application No. EP 02 25 5764.

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Respectfully submitted,



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### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,091,950	7/18/00	Remy	455	423	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	EP 0 738 091	16.10.96	Europe			X	
	EP 0 851 700	01.07.98	Europe			X	
	EP 0 920 228	02.06.99	Europe			X	
	EP 1 041 830	04.10.00	Europe			X	
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### OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Todorut, C., European Search Report Application No. EP 02 25 5764 dated 8 May 2003.

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